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use of auctions, spot bids, or retail sales.

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245.7302 Competitive sales.

245.7302-1 Property descriptions.

(a) Describe the property as “used” or “unused.” Indicate if unused property is still in the manufacturer’s original containers. Qualifying statements such as “well-preserved” or “repairs required” are authorized. Do not use condition codes or the terms “new” or “salvage.”

(b) Property descriptions must be accurate and adequate for identification by prospective bidders. Use commercial terminology and original manufacturer and brand name, if applicable.

245.7302-2 Lotting.

(a) Consider combining property into lots when the quantities, value, or nature of the property makes it uneconomical to sell separately.

(b) When lotting is appropriate and economically practical—

(1) Size the lots to encourage bidding by small businesses or individuals;

(2) Lot unused items by make or manufacturer, except when quantities or dollar values are small;

(3) Lot commercially similar items when practicable;

(4) Lot used and unused items separately unless quantities, value, or nature of property makes it uneconomical to sell separately;

(5) Size lots large enough to ensure the selling costs are not disproportionate to the anticipated proceeds.

245.7302-3 Alternate bids.

Offerors may be solicited to bid for groups or for the entire offering by use of the following:

Item _____ (Alternate Bid)

This item consists of all property listed and described in Items _____ to _____, inclusive. Award under this item will be made only if the highest acceptable bid on this item is equal to, or greater than, the total of the highest acceptable bids on Items _____ to _____, inclusive.

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245.7302-4 Basis for sale.

(a) *Unit price basis*—requires the offeror to state the bid price in terms of the quantity or weight generally applied in commercial sales of similar items.

(b) *Lot price basis*—requires the offeror to submit a bid for the entire lot. Use the lot price basis of sale only when property cannot be sold by unit measure or the potential sales return is small.

245.7302-5 Mailing lists.

(a) The plant clearance officer will ensure the contractor solicits a sufficient number of bidders to obtain adequate competition.

(b) When large quantities of property, special commodities, or unusual geographic locations are involved, the plant clearance officer is encouraged to obtain additional listings from: Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service, Attn: DRMS-OCR, 74 North Washington Avenue, Battle Creek, MI 49017-3092.

245.7303 Formal bid procedures.

(a) The contractor will use formal invitations for bid unless the plant clearance officer approves use of informal bid procedures.

(b) The contractor shall solicit bids at least 15 calendar days before bid opening to allow adequate opportunity to inspect property and prepare bids.

(c) For large sales, the contractor may use summary lists of items offered as bid sheets with detailed descriptions attached.

(d) In addition to mailing or delivering notice of the proposed sale to prospective bidders, the contractor may, when the results are expected to justify the additional expense—

(1) Display a notice of the proposed sale in appropriate public places.

(2) Publish a sales notice in appropriate trade journals or magazines and local newspapers.

(e) When the acquisition cost of the property to be sold at one time, in one place, is \$250,000 or more, the contractor shall send a notice of the proposed sale to: U.S. Department of Commerce, Commerce Business Daily, Sales Section, P.O. Box 5999, Chicago, IL 60680.

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(1) The contractor shall send the CBD notice at least 20 days before bid opening, or date of sale.

(2) CBD notices shall be—

(i) Double spaced and in synopsis form suitable for printing;

(ii) Transmitted by fastest mail available; and

(iii) Contain the following information in the order listed:

(A) Name and address of contractor issuing the invitation for bids;

(B) Name or title, address, and telephone number of the official from whom copies of the sales offering and other information can be obtained;

(C) Description of the property to be sold including, when desired, the total estimated acquisition cost;

(D) The number of the invitation or sale;

(E) The date of the sale or bid opening;

(F) The type of sale, i.e., sealed bid, spot bid, auction; and

(G) The location of the property.

(f) The plant clearance officer or representative will witness the bid opening. Within two working days after bid opening, the contractor will submit to the plant clearance officer two copies of an abstract of all bids, signed by the witnessing Government representative.

245.7304 Informal bid procedures.

(a) Upon approval of the plant clearance officer, the contractor may issue informal invitations to bid (orally, telephonically, or by other informal media), provided—

(1) Maximum practical competition is maintained;

(2) Sources solicited are recorded; and

(3) Informal bids are confirmed in writing.

(b) Bids by the contractor or its employees shall be submitted to the plant clearance officer prior to soliciting bids from other prospective bidders.

245.7305 Sale approval and award.

The plant clearance officer will—

(1) Evaluate bids to establish that the sale price is fair and reasonable, taking into consideration—

(i) Knowledge or tests of the market;

(ii) Current published prices for the property;

(iii) The nature, condition, quantity, and location of the property; and

(iv) Information from the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service.

(2) Approve award to the responsible bidder whose bid is most advantageous to the Government, price and other factors considered. Award shall not be approved to any bidder who is not eligible to enter into a contract with the DoD due to inclusion on the list of Parties Excluded from Procurement Programs. If a compelling reason exists to award to a bidder on the excluded list, the plant clearance officer shall request approval from the headquarters of the administering activity.

(3) Notify the contractor within five working days of the bidder to whom an award shall be made. The contractor shall make the award, collect the proceeds of the sale, and release the property to the purchaser. The contractor shall provide the plant clearance officer with evidence of delivery reflecting actual quantities released to the purchaser.

245.7306 Sales services.

When sale services are needed, the plant clearance officer will document the reasons in the case file and make arrangements directly with the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service (DRMS) or General Services Administration (GSA). The arrangements will include a requirement to return all proceeds to the plant clearance officer for crediting in compliance with FAR 45.610-3.

245.7307 Non-competitive sales.

245.7307-1 General.

(a) Non-competitive sales include purchases or retention at less than cost by the contractor.

(b) Non-competitive sales may be made when—

(1) The contracting department/agency or the plant clearance officer determines that this method is essential to expeditious plant clearance;

(2) The sale is otherwise justified on the basis of circumstances listed in 245.7307-2;

(3) The Government's interests are adequately protected; and